

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 19.9.25

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Adela
Respect – Barney
Kindness – Rebecca
Honesty - Zayn
Resilience - Noah

Key Stage 2

Faith – Deborah
Respect – Clovis
Kindness – Damilola
Honesty - Rishan
Resilience -Kiya

Whole School

School Fund donation

A reminder that this year, we are kindly asking each family to donate £45 for the school year 2025/2026. As a Catholic voluntary-aided school, we have extra expenses because we share the cost of building repairs and improvements with the Diocese. Unlike local community schools, we must pay 10% of these costs from our own budget, which can be quite expensive and puts extra pressure on our money.

The money raised will help us improve the school for your children. Some of the things we plan to spend the money on are:

- Better IT equipment to help pupils learn using technology in all subjects.
- New playground equipment to make outdoor play more fun and active.
- Repairs and replacement of the school roof.
- New toilets for pupils.
- Improving and updating school security systems.

You can pay:

A one-off payment of £45 in the Autumn Term,

Or £15 each term (three payments),

Or by standing order (please contact Mrs Homes for bank details).

All payments can be made easily through SchoolComms. This is per family not per pupil; however, if you would like to give more, we would be very grateful. Your support will make a big difference to our school and help us provide the best learning environment for all pupils at St Ursula's. We will provide updates on how this money is spent so that you can see where it is going and the impact it is having.



RRSA: Article of the Week: Democracy. This links to Article 4 – Making Rights Real
Article 14 – Freedom of thought and religion.

Packed Lunches/ Morning Snack - As we have started the new school year we have noticed that children have been bringing in lots of treats! We would like to remind you of our school policy that we are a nut free school and that children should be bringing in healthy and balanced lunches.

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/school-life/school-lunch> Lunch is a vital part of the school day and ensures that our children have the energy to continue with an afternoon full of learning. The following link from the NHS has some great suggestions for your children's lunch boxes. <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Morning snack in KS2 should be either a cereal bar, piece of fruit or cracker. (No sweets or chocolate are allowed)

Nursery

Starting Nursery is a big step in all children's lives. We want to thank you all for your continued support working alongside all the Nursery team to make this transition as smooth as possible. All children settled very well into our routines and enjoy extending their learning within our well-resourced environment. Throughout the autumn term, we will be encouraging children to take part in activities that will develop their independence, confidence, concentration and social skills.

Please check our Newsletter for more information about this term's focus.

A reminder for all parents to register with Cool Milk to receive free milk in school for your child until they are 5 years old. <https://customers.coolmilk.com/V2/register/>.

Reception

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At the end of the school day, please take your child and exit the Reception playground promptly. Children, of any age, should not be playing on the equipment after school, this is to ensure the safety of our children during home time, which can be quite busy.

Baptism Photos: Over the next few weeks we will be looking at Baptism in our RE lessons, could you please bring in a photo from your child's baptism for us to all look at together as a class. Thank you.

Family photos: Please can you send in a family photo so that we can display it in our classrooms. The children really enjoy seeing their family and talking about them.

Year 1

PE

For **next week only**, the PE slot on Tuesday (23rd September) has been swapped to Wednesday (24th September). Please can your child wear their PE kit on **Monday** and **Wednesday** this week.

Book bags & key rings:

Please remember that children need their book bags in school each day as staff read with the children at various times during the week.

Although key rings on the book bags help children to identify their bags, please ensure that these key rings are **small** and are **not soft toys**, as these become a distraction and cause the child to become distressed if lost / broken. Children should only have **one small key ring** on their bag for identification purposes only. Your support in this regard would be appreciated.

Coats

Please ensure your child is bringing a coat to school. The weather at the moment is very interchangeable and children need to be able to wear a coat when outside.

Year 2

PE – For next week only 22/9/25 - children will need to wear their PE kits on Tuesday and Thursday this week, instead of the Wednesday; due to a change in PE day.

Year 2 Assembly – Please support your child to practice their line for the upcoming Harvest assembly. We have provided another copy of their line in case the first one has gone amiss.

Spellings – Thank you for supporting your child to practice their spellings. Today's first spelling test went well and you will find your child's next set of spellings in their spelling book. **Please do not practice the spellings in the spelling book.**

End of day collection – Please wait for your child to be dismissed by their class teacher at the end of the day. To safeguard your child we need to ensure that your child is dismissed to the adult who is collecting them.

Lost property – We have had lots of parents reporting to us that their child has lost their jumper. In class, children will place their jumper either on their peg or in their tray. We encourage the child to be responsible for their own property. **Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled.**

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Year 6 Residential

The payment plan for the Year 6 residential trip will be going live this weekend. If you have any issues with making a payment please contact the school office. Remember payment is an indication of consent and indicates how many children we will be booking for.

Past papers

A gentle reminder to Year 6 parents not to complete any past SATs papers at home. The children have not covered enough of the curriculum to be ready for a past paper yet and completing past papers at home impacts on what we can use to assess the children in school.

St Joseph's

Core word of the week-

This week's core word of the week is 'help'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgWqlqmi5bU>